



TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*State of Texas Building, 401 E. Franklin, 5th Floor
Monday, August 8, 2005*

MEMBERS PRESENT:	OTHERS:	MEMBERS ABSENT:
Charlotte Johnson, Chair - Parks Board	Brent Pearson, Arborist - Street Department	One Vacancy
Oscar Mestas, Vice Chair - Texas Forest Service	Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney	
Wynn Anderson, At Large	Tamara Booze, NMSU - Intern	
Dr. Tammy Bendele, Horticultural Background	Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary - Street Dept.	
Eileen Karlsruher, At Large		
John White, Arborist		
Lewis Wright, Landscape Architect		
Raymond Bader, West Texas Urban Forestry Council		

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes –

Motion by Eileen Karlsruher, seconded by John White to approve the July 18, 2005 Minutes. All in favor.

3. Update and Discussion on the Memorial Tree Program – Parks Department / Brent Pearson

We have a total of \$2,625 (one more memorial tree honoree since last meeting).

We need a proclamation for the Fall Arbor Day celebration to be held in October. The Green Sweep Committee did the planning for the event last year. The Memorial Tree Subcommittee can start planning the Fall Arbor Day (Tammy, Eileen, Charlotte). It was suggested to place the date for the celebration on next month's agenda to see if everyone would be available on the 22nd of October, or have it on October 28. Tammy will handle the arrangements (proclamation); Brent will contact Dr. Merrifield to select a site.

Reference the memorial tree sculpture, Brent talked about it at the Forestry Council meeting and showed them the proposed sculpture; stated that it is up to the Forestry Council to champion that, and Rita Gomez said she would go to Council to talk about it. It will be up to the West Texas Forestry Council to take it to Council.

4. Update and Discussion on the Approved Tree & Plant List – Brent Pearson

There were no applications for modification.

5. Update and Discussion on the Tree Care Ordinance – Oscar Mestas

At the last meeting Ms. Johnson gave everyone copies of the last revised ordinance with the latest additions to look it over, and if they had comments, questions, or additions to bring them up. Oscar is working on it.

Regarding the specifications manual, Brent Pearson stated what we need in the manual is having to do with planting, pruning, protection, and pest control, and that these are the only four things we need to address. A meeting with Oscar Mestas, Wynn Anderson, Tammy Bendele, Brent Pearson, and John White is set for August 24 in Lupe Cuellar's office at 1 p.m.

Lupe Cuellar stated that Streets and Parks departments should go over the manual and get their feedback. They may have considerable changes. Enforcement by Parks and Streets needs to be discussed.

Brent Pearson needs to come up with an executive summary for the City Manager describing the pro's and cons (draft manual, and draft ordinance). Per Wynn Anderson for Brent to get us a draft and they will help him with it.

6. OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Further discussion on the impact of the Tree Care Ordinance.

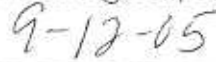
7. Motion by Wynn Anderson and seconded by John White to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting September 12, 2005, 3:30 p.m.



Approved: Charlotte Johnson, Chairman

Date:



Rosemary G. Borrego, Secretary

